

# Conference Features

## Day 1: Emotional Disorders

This workshop will explore the neural architecture of emotional behavior by examining various brain structures laying the foundation for higher level social skill functioning. Specific biological factors related to the development of social competence and emotional self-regulation will be explored. There will be a detailed discussion on bipolar disorders, anxiety disorders, and depression from a brain-based educational perspective, including cutting edge interventions. Schools can enhance emotional wellness in children through early prevention efforts, appropriate assessment strategies, and an improved school climate to foster emotional growth for all children. The specific learning objectives include:

- (1) Discuss the neural architecture of emotion by detailing key brain regions responsible for the development of empathy and emotional regulation.
- (2) Discuss the pitfalls of over-relying upon behavior management plans or psychopharmacology to address mental health conditions in children.
- (3) Explore the neurobiological correlates and treatment options for bipolar disorder, depression, and anxiety disorders in children.

In keeping with the theme of the 2012 National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) Annual Convention "Advocating for the Emotional Well-being of our Nation's Youth" we felt that this was a timely topic for schools in our state.

## Day2: Understanding Mathematics Disorders

This workshop will explore how young children learn and acquire basic mathematical skills from a brain-based educational perspective. There will be a discussion on three primary ways in which numbers are formatted in the brain, as well as the central role of language to expand upon conceptually ordered number sets. In addition, cultural stereotypes regarding gender differences in mathematics will be explored, as well as the relationship between anxiety

and mathematical performance during classroom learning situations. Two critical constructs often overlooked; namely working memory and executive functioning, will also be featured. The expected learner outcomes will be to introduce more efficient ways to diagnose and remediate math disorders in children. The following objectives will be covered:

- (1) Introduce a *brain-based* educational model of math by identifying three basic neural codes which format numbers in the brain.
- (2) Discuss the international trends in mathematics, and reasons why the United States lags behind most industrialized nations in math and science.
- (3) Explore the role of three primary neurocognitive processes: working memory, visual-spatial functioning, and executive functioning, with respect to math problem solving ability.
- (4) Explore the role of anxiety as it relates to gender differences in math aptitude.
- (5) Introduce the 90-minute assessment model of mathematics and interventions

# Conference Schedule

## Wednesday, October 19, 2011:

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| 6:30-9:30 pm | MASP Executive Board meeting<br>(Board members only) |
| 7:00-8:30 pm | Registration & Connecting                            |

## Thursday, October 20, 2011:

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| 7:30 – 8:30 am | Registration   |
| 8:30 - 11:30   | Welcome & Presentation Begins<br>"Emotional Disorders: An Educational Perspective"   |
| 11:30 – 1:00   | Buffet Luncheon (included in fees-<br>guests \$10)*<br>School Psychologist of the Year<br>and other regional business  |
| 1:00 – 4:00 pm | Presentation Continues   |
| 7:00 pm        | Special Event! Join us for a social<br>gathering with peers, past school psychologists and current<br>UM School Psychology students. Catch up and also enjoy<br>poster presentations showcasing current issues in the field<br>of school psychology. ALL are Welcome!! |

## Friday, October 21, 2011:

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| 7:30 – 8:00 am  | General Business Meeting                              |
| 8:00 – 11:15 am | "Mathematics Disorders"                               |
| 11:15 – 12:30   | Lunch on your own                                     |
| 12:30 – 3:30 pm | Presentation Continues                                |
| 3:30            | Evaluation, questions, and wrap-up<br>Conference ends |

# Recertification and NCSP

Office of Public Instruction recertification credit is available. You must attend all sessions Thursday & Friday to be eligible for recertification credit. 12 OPI Renewal Units available.

NCSP renewal CPD will be available!!

## Accommodations

Special room rates are available for conference attendees. Please call the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel at 406-532-5300 **before October 1, 2011**. Rooms are being held under the block name of "MASP".

(Note that this date is earlier than the pre-registration date)  
**It is very important that you reserve your room by the deadline.**

Room rates: \$119.00 + tax single/double

Additional accommodation choices that are nearby include:

StayBridge Inn & Suites on North Reserve 406-830-3900  
La Quinta Inn on North Reserve 406-549-9000  
Broadway Inn (1609 Broadway) 1-800-286-2316 (\$64.95)



Please advise us at least two weeks before the workshop if you desire special accommodations for a disability.

MASP  
TREASURER  
2825 Farragut Ave. Apt. D107  
Butte, MT 59701

# Montana Association of School Psychologists

## 2011 Fall Conference

### *"An Educational Perspective - Assessment & Intervention in the areas of Emotional Disorders and Mathematics Disorders"*

Hilton Garden Inn  
3720 N. Reserve Street  
Missoula, MT 59718  
406-532-5300  
Located off I-90 at Exit  
(Reserve St. Exit)

**October 20 - 21, 2011**

## Conference Features

As schools continue to develop strong student assistance teams, school-wide RtI plans, and manage student centered interventions both in academic and behavioral/emotional areas this conference will provide up-to-date and valuable information for school psychologists, teachers, and school staff.

MASP is pleased to have Dr. Steven Feifer as the presenter for the 2011 Fall Conference.

**Dr. Steven G. Feifer, D. Ed., NCSP, ABSNP** is a nationally renowned speaker and author in the field of learning disabilities and emotional disorders, and has conducted nearly 200 professional seminars for educators and psychologists. He is dually trained as both a Nationally Certified School Psychologist from James Madison University, and a diplomat in school neuropsychology. Dr. Feifer has co-authored ten books on learning and emotional disorders in children and is a licensed practitioner in the state of Maryland. He currently works in private practice, consultant to nearby school districts, and is also an adjunct professor at George Washington University. He has spent his career bringing awareness of the role of cognitive functioning in childhood learning and emotional disabilities. He has developed and implemented assessment tools based on his studies of neuropsychology. Dr. Feifer recently presented at the School Neuropsychology 2011 Summer Institute. Dr. Feifer was voted the **Maryland School Psychologist** of the Year in 2008, and awarded the 2009 **National School Psychologist of the Year** by the National Association of School Psychologists.

# Conference Fees

Check any that apply:

- ☐ \$100 MASP members pre-registration (2 days)  
(On-site registration will be \$120)
- ☐ \$60 MASP members pre-registration (1 day)  
(On- site registration will be \$70)
- ☐ \$60 MASP membership renewal  
(Required for MASP members)
- ☐ \$50 University full time student registration rate  
Verification of student status may be requested  
(2 days)
- ☐ \$25 University full time student rate for a single  
day
- ☐ \$130 Non-member pre-registration (2 days)  
(On-site registration for non-members will be  
\$150)
- ☐ \$75 Non-member single day rate
- ☐ First time attending MASP Fall Conference

Registration fees include conference packet, buffet lunch on Thursday, & daily snacks.

**Cancellation requests must be made in writing and postmarked no later than October 14, 2011. A \$15.00 processing charge will be deducted per person canceling. No refunds will be made for requests received after the deadline, but you may designate a substitute to take your place at the conference.**

# Registration Form

Please complete and mail entire page with fees (payable to MASP) for pre-registration by October 15, 2011 to:

Carol Viche, MASP Treasurer,  
2825 Farragut Ave. Apt. D107  
Butte, MT 59701

(Registration must be received by the 14th or the On-site registration fee will apply.)

Please print clearly. You may also use photocopies of this form and a printer-friendly version of this brochure is available on the Internet at <http://www.masponline.us>

<b>Name</b>		
<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone</b>	
<b>Address</b>		
<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>
<b>Email address</b>		
<b>Email address (please list twice)</b>		

School purchase orders are accepted. Please send a bill to the above address with the appropriate information for whom to contact at your organization/school.

## Questions?

For more information, call Ron Weaver at 449-7565 (home) or Rhonda Remsen at 771-1871 (home) or 268-6873 (work).

## Reminders:

Join us for a special evening to catch up with each other and view UM graduate student work on Thursday evening.

MASP is now an approved NASP provider and you can earn CPD credits for renewing your NCSP by attending this conference.